DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home

SDVH VISITOR GUIDELINES

- Approved visiting hours are:
 - o Monday–Friday: 9:45–10:45 am; 12:30–1:30 pm; 2:30–3:30 pm; 3:45–4:45 pm
 - o *Sunday: 1:00–2:00 pm; 2:15–3:15 pm; 3:30 pm–4:30 pm
 - *Please note, the Sunday hours are very limited and are intended for those who absolutely cannot visit during the week.
- Visit must be scheduled prior to arrival. No exceptions.
 - o Call Lanae at 605-745-5127 ext. 1500116 to schedule an appointment.
- Only 2 visitors at a time.
- Visit duration is 60 minutes.
 - Rescheduled visits may occasionally be reduced to 30 minutes based on resource availability.
- Per CDC and SD Dept of Health guidance, no touching, hugging, handshakes are permitted.
- Visitor(s) must wear a face covering or face mask during the entire visit. <u>Please bring your own face mask if you have one</u>. If you do not have a face mask, the facility will supply you with one upon arrival.
 - o Please note this means you may not eat with the resident.
- Visitor(s) must use alcohol-based hand rub before and after visits.
- Visitor(s) must stay in the designated visit area (first floor lobby).
- Visitors with children must be able to manage them, and the child(ren) must be able to wear a face mask and stay in the designated visit area during the entire visit.
- Visitor(s) must sign in and provide contact information.
- Visitor(s) must not have signs/symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever at time of visit); must attest to their COVID-19 status (testing results, if tested); and if they have had COVID-19, they must provide documentation (e.g., doctor's note) that they no longer meet CDC criteria for transmission-based precautions.
- Visitor(s) may bring single serving, commercially packaged food items to residents during visits.
 This includes carry out items from local restaurants (still in restaurant packaging), candy bars, pre-packaged muffin from store, etc.
- Restrooms will be available upon request. Only one individual may be in the restroom at a time. We highly encourage using the restroom prior to arriving at the facility.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The availability of these visits is subject to change at any time based on recommendations from local, state and national officials. If a case of COVID-19 were to occur at the home and/or if county positivity status in Fall River County changes to high, these visits may be suspended, and you would receive notification from SDVH to cancel/reschedule the visit. Some rescheduled visits may be reduced to 30 minutes in order to accommodate all those needing to reschedule.